



## Susan Bleasdale, MD

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### Biography:

Dr. Bleasdale is an Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine in the Department of Medicine – Section of Infectious Diseases. She is the Medical Director of Infection Prevention and Control at the University of Illinois Hospital & Health Sciences System, and Co-Medical Director of Infection Control at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center. She is Co-chair of the Anti-infective Sub-committee of Pharmacy and Therapeutics at the University of Illinois Hospital & Health Sciences System. The guidelines and policies of this subcommittee serve as a mechanism for the antibiotic stewardship program. Her research interests include epidemiology and prevention of healthcare associated infections, multidrug resistant organisms, antibiotic stewardship and emergency preparedness related to infectious diseases. She treats patients with general infectious disease concerns, healthcare associated infections, HIV, and transplantation related infectious issues.

### Education:

Medical School: Rush Medical College

Residency: Rush University Medical Center

Fellowship: Rush University Medical Center/John H. Stroger Hospital of Cook County

Board Certification: Internal Medicine, Infectious Diseases

**Clinical Expertise:** general infectious diseases, healthcare associated infections, HIV, transplantation related infections

**Research Interests:** epidemiology and prevention of healthcare associated infections, multi-drug resistant organisms, antibiotic stewardship

### Selected Publications:

McConeghy, K.W., S.C. Bleasdale, and K.A. Rodvold. The Empirical Combination of Vancomycin and a Beta-Lactam for Staphylococcal Bacteremia. *Clinical Infectious Diseases*. 2013 Dec 57(12): 1760-5.

Bleasdale, S.C., W.E. Trick, I.M. Gonzalez, R.D. Lyles, M.K. Hayden, R.A. Hayden. Effectiveness of chlorhexidine bathing to reduce catheter-associated bloodstream infections in medical intensive care unit patients. *Archives of Internal Medicine* 2007 Oct 22; 167(19):2073-9.

Hota, B., B. Harting, R.A. Weinstein, R.D. Lyles, S.C. Bleasdale, W. Trick, Center for Disease Control Epicenter. Electronic Algorithmic Prediction of Central Vascular Catheter Use. *Infection Control and Hospital Epidemiology* 2010 Jan; 31(1):4-11.

Olsen, S. J., S.C. Bleasdale. Outbreaks in Typhoid Fever in the United States, 1960-1999. *Epidemiology Infections* 2003 Feb; 130(1): 13-21.

### Complete List of Published Work in My Bibliography:

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/myncbi/browse/collection/48018127?sort=date&direction=ascending>.

### Departments

Academic Departments

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**Abstracts:**

Means, L.; A.E. Gross, M.K. Sikka, S.C. Bleasdale. Predictors of Hospital Readmission in Patients Receiving Outpatient Parenteral Antimicrobial Therapy (OPAT), IDWeek 2014. Philadelphia, PA (oral presentation by L. Means)

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